



# Camden County Free Press

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## Thank You, Mr. Witherspoon

Our region lost an esteemed man on January 18, 2003 when Whittier Crockett Witherspoon went to be with the Lord. Despite the sadness of loss, his funeral was a joyous celebration of the life of this remarkable African American. He graduated from Johnson C. Smith University in 1931 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and later received a Master of Arts degree from New York University in 1955. Following post-graduate study at the University of Michigan, he served in the Army during World War II and had a brief tenure as an administrator at a Washington, DC, reform school for black boys.



He served as Principal of W. C. Chance High School in Parmele and schools in Gaston and Mecklenburg counties before coming to Camden County as principal of the Marion Anderson High School in 1955. According to local residents, it is obvious Mr. Witherspoon was the right man for the right job at the right time; this was the era that ushered consolidation into Camden's schools. Mr. Witherspoon demonstrated patience and understanding as he served as ombudsman and peacemaker during this difficult time in our county. Everyone called him "Mr." Witherspoon as a sign of respect.

He retired from NC Public Schools in 1969 and was a widely sought-after speaker throughout the state, sharing his words of wisdom in his own prolific and poetic manner. Generations of eastern North Carolinians treasure documents featuring his magnificent calligraphy.

Governor James Martin awarded membership in the prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine to Mr. Witherspoon in September 1987, the highest honor the NC governor can bestow upon a civilian. He was most proud when Elizabeth City honored him for his public service by naming a street after him: "Witherspoon Street."

On the opening day of the 2003 NC General Legislature, Senator Marc Basnight, President Pro Tempore, expressed his feelings by saying Mr. Witherspoon was a radiant example of how we all need to work together for the betterment of North Carolina and its people. He was honorable, merciful, trustworthy ... there is no limit to the adjectives that describe this special Samaritan.

## Congratulations, New Business!

### The Bird's Nest Café Opens in Camden County

The Bird's Nest Café is yet another of the new businesses that have been springing up in Camden County lately. It's located on North 343, (formerly George's Convenient store) and serves a varied menu of subs, salads, sandwiches, and, of course, homemade desserts. The café is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 11:00 until 10:00 PM. They offer dine-in, take-out, and delivery. For lunch take-outs call 252-334-1733 by 10:00 a.m. Take-out menus are now available.

The Bird's Nest Café also does catering for meetings and parties. To set up catering dates, call 252-334-1769.

Contact Marva Hollowell at 252-334-1769 for more information.

### Forrest Pugh Receives Award

At the January 21, 2003 Board of Commissioners Meeting, Commissioners Shaw and Rountree presented Forrest Pugh with a plaque in appreciation for his years of service to Camden County as Commissioner from 1994-2002.



## Camden County Students Honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Camden County Schools' students preparing to march from Grandy Primary School to Camden County High School, honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Monday, January 20.



The Camden County High School Gospel Choir sang and entertained at the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration in the Camden County High School cafeteria.



Grandy Primary School student, Miah Jacobs, leads the Martin Luther King, Jr. march with the banner that says "Hold High the Torch: Love, Service, Unity and Peace."

## Coast Guard Visits Robert McWilliams

The Coast Guard paid a special visit to Grandy Primary student, Robert McWilliams, on Tuesday, February 4. Lt. Cris Kaplan, U.S. Coast Guard, and Mrs. Debbie Hill, first grade teacher, made plans for Robert to go on a helicopter ride. Their goal was put a smile on his face. Robert was presented wings, a flight suit, a certificate and a special coin from the U.S. Coast Guard. He is pictured in the classroom with his helmet and coast guard attire, ready to go for his ride in the helicopter; and with his Mom and a Coast Guard rescue swimmer, Michael Lundren, headed toward the helicopter. It was a very special day for Robert - he truly had a big smile on his face!



## Advanced Core CAMA Land Use Plan County-Wide Meeting

The future of Camden County is in your hands! By helping in the development of our Advanced Core CAMA Land Use Plan, you can shape the future of our county.

The county will be holding a county-wide meeting to identify issues which will affect Camden County's future. This information will be used to develop an Advanced Core CAMA Land Use Plan which will serve as the guide for anyone living or making an investment in our county as well as a blueprint for land use decisions affecting Camden County's future. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2003, in the Camden County High School Cafeteria located at 103 US 158 West.

The Land Use Plan Update Committee has worked diligently in structuring this effort so that your thoughts and opinions are values. Please take some time from your busy schedule and assist in the planning of Camden County's future. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend the meeting. For additional information, please contact the County Manager at 117 North NC 343, Camden, NC, phone 252-338-1919.

Regularly scheduled meetings of the Land Use Plan Update Committee will be held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 5:00 p.m. at the Camden County Senior Center.

Thank you for your assistance with the development of a CAMA Land Use Plan that will shape the bright future of Camden County.



## American Red Cross

Greater Albemarle Area Chapter

**The following is the February 2003 blood drive schedule for the American Red Cross. Recent weather conditions have forced cancellations of many scheduled blood drives, creating huge losses to the already low supplies. It is so important that each of the blood drives make their goals.**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
2/9/03	VFV Post 6060 Rt. 17N	11AM-4PM
2/10/03	Rivers Correction Institution at 145 Parker's Fishery Road in Winton	12 AM-5PM
2/12/03	Blackwater Training Center at 850 Puddin' Ridge Rd in Moyock	12AM-4PM
2/13/03	USCG at ATTC School in multi-purpose room	9AM-3PM
2/19/03	Ahoskie United Methodist Church	12AM-6PM
2/20/03	Perquimans Parks and Rec	3PM-7PM

## Family Research Society of Northeastern NC Genealogy Fair

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March 15, 2003

8:30 am until 4:00 pm

at Quality Inn, Elizabeth City, NC

Guest Speakers:

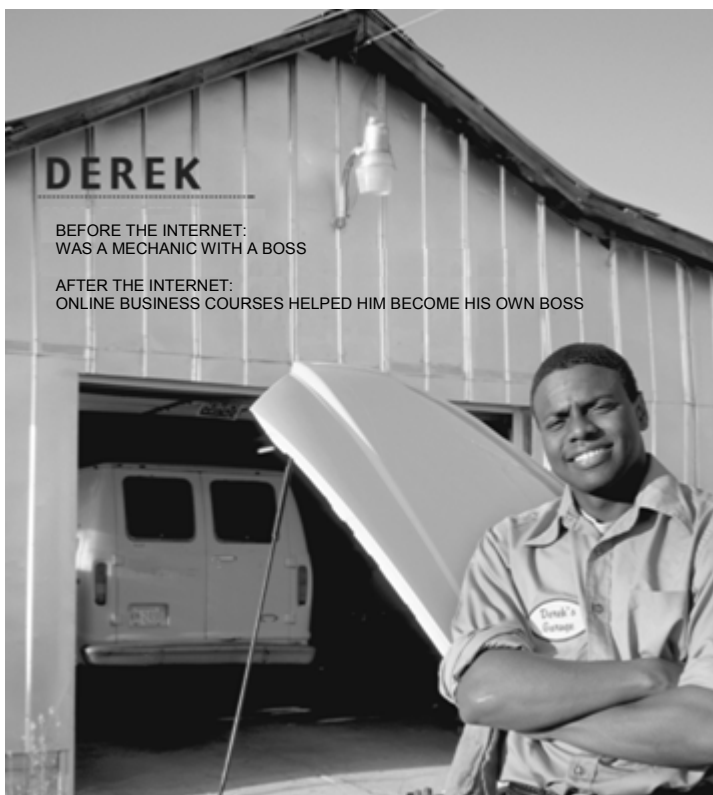
Raymond Winslow, Jr., William Bennett  
and Carolyn Barkley

For more information please contact:

Teresa Ferguson 335-2127

or

Gloria Wesner 336-2775



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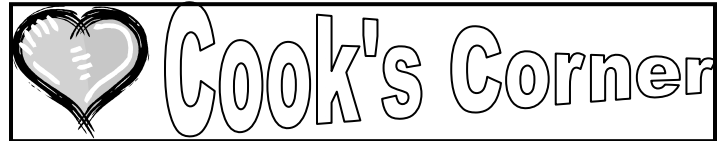
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NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

**General Calendar Date Season Changes for 2003-04**

**Please Note:** The following season dates are posted for your convenience to help you plan for the upcoming year. The dates are subject to change. They will be finalized after the Wildlife Commission meets in March.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Open Dates</b>
<b>Bear</b>	<p><i>Western Bear season: October 13 - November 22 and December 15 - January 1</i></p> <p><i>Northeastern counties: November 10 – 15 and December 15 – 27</i></p> <p><i>Northampton, Halifax, Hertford and Martin counties: November 10 -15 and December 15 – 17.</i></p> <p><i>Southeastern counties: November 10 - January 1</i></p> <p><i>Brunswick and Columbus counties: December 8 - January 1</i></p>
<b>Boar</b>	<p><i>October 13 - November 22</i></p> <p><i>December 15 - January 1</i></p>
<b>Wild Turkey</b> <b>(Bearded Turkeys Only)</b>	<p><i>April 10 - May 8</i></p> <p><i>Youth Turkey Hunting Day: May 15</i></p> <p><i>Winter Season in Selected Counties: Jan. 12-17</i></p>
<b>Raccoon and Opossum</b>	<i>October 13 - February 28</i>
<b>Squirrel</b>	<p><i>Gray &amp; Red: October 13 - January 31</i></p> <p><i>Fox Squirrel: October 13 - December 31</i></p>
<b>Rabbit</b>	<i>November 22 - February 28</i>
<b>Quail</b>	<i>November 22 - February 28</i>
<b>Grouse</b>	<i>October 13 - February 28</i>
<b>Bobcat</b>	<i>October 13 - February 28</i>
<b>Fox</b>	<p><i>January 3 - January 24</i></p> <p><i>(limited to certain counties)</i></p>
<b>Crow</b>	<i>Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week between June 1 and February 28 plus Labor Day and Christmas Day</i>
<b>Pheasant</b>	<i>November 22 – January 31</i>
<b>Trapping</b>	<p><i>Western season: November 7 - February 12</i></p> <p><i>Central season: December 1 - February 20</i></p> <p><i>Eastern season: December 15 - February 28</i></p> <p><i>Beaver: November 1 – March 31</i></p>



# Annual Soybean Festival

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual North Carolina Soybean Festival was held at Pasquotank County High School on January 30, 2003. There was a poster contest in which there were 110 entries from Camden County. Participating teachers were Clarissa Freshwater and Heather Jones. The winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Nick Marples, H. Jones
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Allison Cuthrell, C. Freshwater
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Katelyn Minor, H. Jones
- HM – Steven Cherry, H. Jones
- HM – Alex Tavenier, H. Jones

Winners received \$15.00, \$10.00 and \$5.00 awards sponsored by H & R Block and Swimme & Son. All winners and honorable mentions were invited to the dinner. Over 400 people attended the banquet.

Please look for the top 30 posters to be shown on the Camden Cable Channel.

**Happy Valentines Day!**  
Celebrate the holiday with this special chocolate cake.

## Chocolate Pound Cake

### Ingredients

1/2 cups butter, softened  
3 cups white sugar  
5 eggs  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
2 teaspoons instant coffee granules dissolved in 1/4 cup hot water  
1 cup buttermilk  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt

### Directions

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Grease and flour a 10 inch Bundt pan. Mix together the flour, cocoa, baking powder, and salt. Set aside. In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Beat in the flour mixture alternately with the dissolved coffee and buttermilk. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake in the preheated oven for 60 to 70 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Let cool in pan for 20 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack and cool completely. Dust with powdered sugar.



Pictured left to right: Alex Tavenier, Steven Cherry, Katelyn Minor, Nick Marples, and Allison Cuthrell

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has a family member or friend that  
has a disability of any kind.

**Any youth in Camden County planning to or interested in showing an animal at the spring Livestock Show and Sale please contact the Camden County Extension Office at 338-1919.**

# CHURCH NEWS

## **VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

(Next to Track I) 252-338-1764

email: [vcfcamnc@inteliport.com](mailto:vcfcamnc@inteliport.com)

Sunday: Equipping The Saints Class for all ages at 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Services: 10:30 AM

Prayer & Bible Study: Wednesday Nights at 7:00 PM

## **RIDDLE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH**

252-336-4274

Sunday School Services—10:00 AM (Nursery provided)

Sunday Service—10:45 AM

A sound system is set up in the nursery so the babies will not miss the service.

Children's Church during morning services (2-10 years old)

Sunday Night Services—7:00 PM

Wednesday Night Youth Services—7:30

## **SAWYER'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sawyers Creek Road 252-335-2069

[sawycreek@inteliport.com](mailto:sawycreek@inteliport.com)

Sunday School—10:00 AM

Worship Service—Sunday at 11:00 AM

## **MCBRIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Old Swamp Road, Pastor Jim Krepps # 252-771-2508

Sunday Worship: 9:00 AM—Nursery Available

Fellowship Time: 9:45 AM

Sunday School: 10:00 AM

## **CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH**—Pastor Rob Madden

207 South Hwy 343, Camden, 252-338-8525 or 252-333-5226

Sunday School—10:00 AM

Worship Service—11:00 AM

Sunday Evening Service—7:00 PM

Wednesday Evening Service—7:00 PM

## **CAMDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Pastor David Moehring 252-335-7565

Sunday School—Sunday at 9:30 AM

Sunday Worship—Sunday at 11:00 AM

Bible Study—Thursday at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Men's Prayer & Share Time—Wednesday at 6:00 AM

Adult Choir—Wednesday at 7:30 PM

## **OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

Pastor Joseph E. Thompson, Sr.

172 Nosay Road, South Mills, NC 252-771-5153

Sunday School: 9:45 AM

Sunday Morning Praise and Worship: 10:45 AM

Sunday Morning Services: 11:00 AM

Bible Study (each Tuesday night): 7:30 PM

## **SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH**

952 South 343, Shiloh 252-336-4280

[Shilohbapt@inteliport.com](mailto:Shilohbapt@inteliport.com)

Sunday

9:00 am Praise and Worship Service

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Worship

7:00 pm Discipleship Training (All Ages)

Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study

## **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

298 S. Hwy. 343, Phone: 252-338-3292

Sunday: 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service

Services held at the Church in Camden:

Sunday: 7:00 PM Worship Service 7:00 PM Youth Activities

Wednesday: 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Youth Activities

## **GENEVA BAPTIST CHURCH**

806 N 343 252-771-5550

Sunday

10:00 am—Sunday School

11:00 am—Morning Worship Service

Wednesday

7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

## **ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

Pastor Timothy L. Hicks

218 Joy's Creek Road, South Mills, NC 252-771-5655

Sunday Classes: 10:00 am Each Sunday

Sunday Service: 11:30 am 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

Prayer & Bible Study: 7:00 pm Each Tuesday

## **NEW SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

Pastor William T. Davis

186 Trotman Road, Shiloh 252-336-2603

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Praise Service: 10:45-11:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 11:00 AM

Wednesday Night Prayer Service & Bible Study: 7:30 PM

## **TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

104 Main Street, South Mills

Rev. Jim Krepps— 252-771-2401

Sunday School: 10:00 AM Nursery Available

Worship Service: Sunday at 11:00 AM

## **EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH**

Pastor, Frank Thigpen 252-771-2894

Sunday School: 10:00

Sunday Worship: 11:00

Sunday and Wednesday Evening Service: 7:00 PM

## **WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Pastor David Moehring 252-335-7565

Sunday Worship—9:30 AM

Sunday School—11:00 AM

United Methodist Women—Tuesday at 8:00 PM

Choir Practice—Thursday at 8:00 PM

## **SOUTH MILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST**

100 Culpepper Rd, PO Box 363, South Mills, 252-771-5644

[evangelist@surfnetnc.com](mailto:evangelist@surfnetnc.com)

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Sunday Bible School: 9:50 AM

Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM and 6:30 PM

Weekday Bible Studies: Wed at 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM; Fri at 10:00 AM

(Please note that youth programs and services are available at each worship service and the Weds evening Bible Study)

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# CLASSIFIEDS/BUSINESS ADS/MISC.

## New Meeting Schedule for Camden County Board of Commissioners

At the January 6, 2003 meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners, the Commissioners voted to change the meeting time of the first Monday meeting of each month. The first Monday Meetings **will start at 8:00 AM** for the remainder of the calendar year. The Board previously met at 9:00 AM. For more information please call 252-338-1919.

**Narcotics Anonymous Meeting  
Every Saturday Night at 7:30 pm  
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No discount on business card ads.

**DEADLINE: 12 Noon Friday**  
before following publication

Questions?

Call Michaelene Sawyer (252) 338-1919 ext. 248  
email: [freepress@ccamden.cc](mailto:freepress@ccamden.cc)

**Camden Headstart is now  
accepting applications. Child  
must be 3 or 4 years old on or  
before October 16, 2003. Call  
252-335-7698 or visit 409 Bank  
St. Elizabeth City.**

**Community  
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# Business Card Ads

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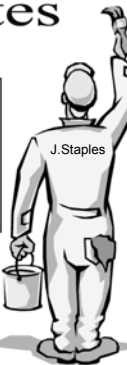
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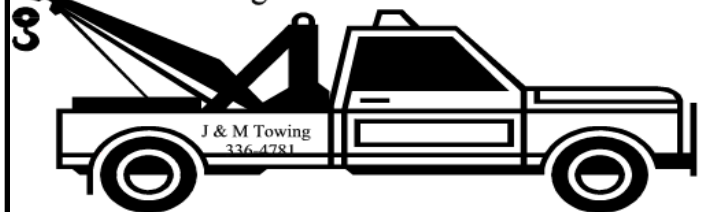
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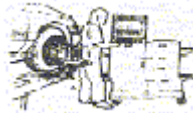
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